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May 1, 2011

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSXT- Abandonment Exemption – in Preston County, WV

Dear Ms. Brown:

Friends of the Cheat, Inc. requests a 180 day extension, or until September 9, 2011, of NITU status on a CSX corridor referred to as from Rowlesburg to Camp Dawson, beginning at BAJ 0.0 to ending point BAJ 9.78 both in Preston County. This follows current extension of NITU dated expiring May 1, 2010.

CSX Transportation, Inc. continues to express willingness to negotiate a sale of the above listed property and NITU status will facilitate this process. Friends of the Cheat (FOC) has hired an appraiser who is currently completing this work required by WV DOH as a stipulation of our grant funding. Pending the completion of the appraisal, negotiations will commence to complete the sale. FOC has funding available and has set an organizational goal of closing the sale by August 31, 2011.

CSXT has authorized FOC to file this request for extension and will file a letter of concurrence. Therefore, Friends of the Cheat respectfully request the NITU negotiation period be extended as set forth in the Extension Request.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pitzer

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Executive Director
Friends of the Cheat

cc: Bruce McMahon, CSX Real Property

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